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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's most recent Office Action. Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to njohnson@bradleyarant.com are authorized and encouraged.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 8 of this paper.

A Certificate of Express Mailing is attached as Page 18 of this paper.

An Information Disclosure Statement and references are attached following page 18.

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